

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2237-01  
Bill No.: Perfected HB 949  
Subject: Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Health Department; Hospitals  
Type: Original  
Date: March 28, 2001

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Health**, the **Cooper County Memorial Hospital**, and the **Department of Social Services** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

The **Barton County Memorial Hospital**, the **Cass Medical Center**, the **Excelsior Springs Medical Center**, the **Lincoln County Memorial Hospital**, the **Pemiscot Memorial Hospital**, the **Phelps County Regional Medical Center**, the **Ray County Memorial Hospital**, the **Samaritan Memorial Hospital**, and the **Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital** did respond to our fiscal impact request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

### DESCRIPTION

This proposal would make a technical correction to the statutes concerning whistleblower protections for employees of hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. Employees would be informed of their right to notify the Department of Health of any information concerning alleged violations of applicable federal or state laws or administrative rules concerning patient care and safety or facility safety. Current law states that employees should be informed of their right to appeal to the Department of Health.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health  
Department of Social Services  
Cooper County Memorial Hospital

**NOT RESPONDING: Barton County Memorial Hospital, Cass Medical Center, Excelsior Springs Medical Center, Lincoln County Memorial Hospital, Pemiscot Memorial Hospital, Phelps County Regional Medical Center, Ray County Memorial Hospital, Samaritan Memorial Hospital, Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital**

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Director

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